

REMARKS

In the Office Action, Claims 1 and 2 were provisionally rejected on the ground of non-statutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over Claims 1-3 of copending Application No. 10/469,952. Submitted concurrently herewith is a terminal disclaimer to obviate this provisional double patenting rejection. Claims 1-2 were also provisionally rejected on the ground of non-statutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over copending Application No. 10/471,038; and 10/471,053. The terminal disclaimer also addresses the rejection based on these two applications.

Accordingly, Applicant submits that all of the claims are now in condition for allowance and favorable consideration by the Examiner is requested. Should the Examiner find any impediment to the prompt allowance of the claims which could be corrected by a telephone interview, the Examiner is requested to initiate such an interview with the undersigned.

Please charge the applicable fee for the filing of this terminal disclaimer to Deposit Account No. 19-1800.

Respectfully submitted,

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